
 NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY
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Arizona Technology Access Program (AzTAP)

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Technology Impacts Every Aspect of Our Lives

- Communication
- Mobility
- Self-care & Independent Living
- Learning
- Work
- Recreation



What is Assistive Technology?

- What do you think?



Assistive Technology Defined:

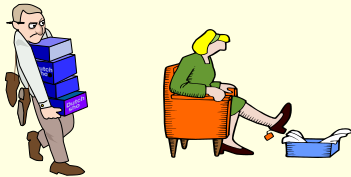
Any item, piece of equipment or product system whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified or customized that is used to increase or improve functional capacities of individuals with disabilities.*

**PL 100-407 Technology Related Assistance Act*

- In other words....

Assistive Technology Device Selection: Achieving a Good Fit...

- The device features must meet the person's needs!
- Just like shoes, one size does NOT fit all!



Place – Where AT Will Be Used

- School
- Work
- Home
- Multiple Environments



What is AzTAP?



- 100% Federally Funded -
- Northern Arizona University (NAU) – Institute for Human Development
- Mission
 - to promote awareness of, access to and acquisition of assistive technology for persons with disabilities

What is AzTAP Cont'd?

- One of **56** Programs in US & Territories
- Operates Under the Assistive Technology or **AT Act** of 1998 /2004 (As amended)

So what kind of **direct service programs** does AzTAP have?



Short Term Device Loan & Demonstration Program

- Device Demonstrations
- Device or Equipment Loans

The Goal is: To assist consumers in becoming better educated about AT and with making decisions about AT Devices – Belief is “knowledgeable consumers make better decisions...”)

- Most equipment/devices loaned for 2 weeks
- Simple loan form to sign – barrier free

Short Term Device Loan & Demonstration Program Cont'd

- **Serves all of Arizona** – Ship equipment/devices
- **Lab open to therapists and evaluators** – schedule lab time –
- **No fees** for anyone to borrow or use equipment/devices
- **1700 +** different devices or pieces of AT in inventory

ATEX – Arizona Assistive Technology Exchange Program

Online forum or “ads site” for individuals to donate, buy, sell or exchange used or new Assistive Technology (AT)

- No fees or charges to review or post ads
- Can post an ad for “item needed”
- Set system to email you with new items posted in your category of interest
- Around 90 Ads (+/-) presently posted

ATEX – Arizona Assistive Technology Exchange Program (Contd.)

- Not for vendors
- Assistance with placing or reviewing ads
- User's can post their own ads
- User's need to register – create a username & password
- Site protects user's contact information

AzLAT – Arizona Loan\$ for Assistive Technology



AzLAT:
Arizona Loan\$ for Assistive Technology
"Independence is priceless. We make it affordable."

- Alternative financing program providing low interest financial loans to PWD's & their families to purchase Assistive Technology (AT)
- **What Kind of AT? Any AT.**

AzLAT – Arizona Loans for Assistive Technology (Contd.)

- Low Interest Rate - +/- 3.5%
- Loan Amounts \$500 to \$10,000
- Applicant must be an Arizona resident
- Flexible loan repayment terms
- Website: www.AzLAT.net

AzLAT– Self Employment for Entrepreneurs with Disabilities – (S.E.E.D.) Loans

- Goal: Provides \$ loans to PWD's interested in Telework/home based employment
- What is Telework? Home based self employment or work away from a traditional work/vocational setting
- For those individual with disabilities who have barriers related to working in regular integrated employment settings

Training

Microsoft Accessibility Resource Center (MARC)

- **Accessibility Training** for: XP, Vista & Windows 7
One on One and Group
- A Note about speech recognition
 - XP & Word 2003 ☺
 - XP & Word 2007 ☺
 - Vista & Windows ☺
- Resources: www.microsoft.com/enable
- For More Info Contact Mellowdee.Brooks@nau.edu

Final Thought -

“For most people, technology makes things easier.
For people with disabilities, technology makes
things possible”

Mary Pat Radabaugh, IBM National Support Center
for People with Disabilities

Questions?

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